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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following four documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

International Patent Publication No. WO 94/25086.

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To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed, with the exception of International Patent Publication No. WO 94/25086, which was previously submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 26, 2002.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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